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WEATHER.
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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

It is no task at all to realize that the arch-leader of the national democracy is a strong, clean, wholesome factor in the near destinies of the nation; we accord to him the real prestige he has won and maintained, in the life and thought of the people at large, and count him as something to be dealt with, a vivid, strenuous, battling entity, of resource and power, and honorable inspiration. But right there we stop. He is mortal, and he dreams dreams, and dreams are of the stuff that begot manias. He dreamed once of the common commercial level of gold and silver, and never awoke until he was stranded upon the shores of overwhelming electoral defeat, and actually underwent the second annihilative experience before he abandoned his vagary. And now he is on the pedestal again; the people who believe in him are ready to offer him to the American electorate as the type and hero of the hour and to stand or fall with him, in that tremendous test. Once more he dreams; and boldly, defiantly and tenaciously declares his vision to be the lodestar of success for his party. He has said he will bind his future to the doctrine of governmental absorption and control of the railroads of the country. He has set up his own barrier, he has drawn the line of demarcation between statesmanship and philandering and will lose again if he goes to the country on that hypothesis. We waive the question of the righteousness or folly of his theory; we simply claim it to be inopportune, inoperative and susceptible of the fiercest and most relentless opposition possible in commercial America. He is predestined to defeat on such a platform, and it will not require a Roosevelt to do the trick, either!

THE HABIT IS FIXED.

The regatta is a thing of the past. It has added its lustre of success to the long record inuring to this city during the dozen seasons that are gone, and has cemented the regatta-habit upon Astoria. This pleasant festival is one of the things she is known by, now, and it will be eagerly looked for each succeeding season. The regatta is a good thing and its recurrence regularly is to be encouraged. It contributes to the knowledge of the outside world that Astoria is a live and energetic place and one worth coming to, for business, or pleasure, or both combined. It is none too soon to begin thinking up the alluring features of the 1907 water-carnival. The regatta just closed is the more commendable for the reason that the city has been under extraordinary stress of public contribution during 1906 and the big engagement came with some severity upon the high-spirited citizens who made it possible.

Oklahoma boasts the youngest woman ranch owner in this country, though exactly how young is not stated. She is owner and manager of 11,000 acres, comprising the Arrow Heart cattle ranch, and recently leased for ninety-nine years 100,000 acres of oil and mineral lands in the Cocotaw and Chickasaw nations.

THE MAN AHEAD!

In every newspaper we pick up we are sure to find a gush about the man behind the counter and the man behind the gun; the man behind the buzz saw and the man behind the son; the man behind the times and the man behind his rents; the man behind the plowshare and the man behind the fence; the man behind the whistle and the man behind the cars; the man behind the Kolak and the man behind the bars; the man behind his whiskers and the man behind his fists, and everything behind has entered on the list. But they have skipped another fellow of whom nothing has been said—the fellow who is even or a little way ahead; who pays for what he gets and whose bills are always signed—he's a darn sight more important than the man who is behind. All we editors and merchants and the whole commercial clan are indebted for existence to this honest fellowman. He keeps us all in business and his town is never dead, so we take our hats off to the man to be ahead.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Jerome is still talking, Bad sign.
Secretary Shaw wants small coins, "So say we all of us."

Appendicitis, prominent physicians say, is often only a case of worms.

A world's Sunday school convention will be held at Rome in May, 1907.

More than eighty churches and buildings devoted to religious activity were destroyed in San Francisco.

A fresh mind keeps the body fresh. Take in the ideas of the day, drain off those of yesterday.

This world is in reality a huge circus ring and each of us at times has a turn at acting the role of a clown.

Andrew Carnegie's library gifts in the United States last year numbered 211 and amounted to over \$3,000,000.

Giraffes and ant-eaters each have tongues nearly two feet in length.

In the not distant future, rural mail carriers will make daily trips on automobiles, doing away with horses and vehicles.

One should enter into new enterprises slowly. It is far better to go forward slowly than to go round and round ever so fast.

Last year there were 39,211 millions matches sold in France, bringing into that nation's treasury, \$5,216,950, this being a state monopoly.

Who pays the fiddler at Newport is being demonstrated just now. The sudden activity in Wall street has so drawn upon the ladies' partners that Newport's cottillons are temporarily abandoned.

Small wonder the minority stockholders of the Pullman company are getting unusually busy. The company has \$27,000,000 of surplus in its coffers, but the lid is on tight.

According to "latest photographs" Mr. Bryan has lost a lot of hair. As he has grown no whiskers he ought to be a "safe and sane" candidate by this time.

Bernard Shaw thinks that no Christian gentleman will attempt to accumulate a fortune. Mr. Shaw is still pursuing wealth.

Now Princeton is to be purified by the W. C. T. U. crusaders. It is said that even the college yell is to be censored.

Opening of the first golf links in Russia suggests possibilities when the translators of the links get to work. One thing: A Russian with ordinary vocabulary ought to come nearer doing the subject justice when he fozzles. Wonder what "fozle" is in Russia, by the way?

It is denied that "Al" Adams had anything to do with Sage & Co., the "broker" that failed. It would have been strange if a "policy king" had gone into any game when the players had even the small chance accorded them in a bucket shop.

From an international peace viewpoint that king-kaiser kissing may argue well but the German emperor should be more careful. King Edward may have been eating some of that English canned meat said to be reeking with deadly germs.

"Young Teddy" Roosevelt did not believe all the stories "Old Teddy" told about hunting and fishing, so he has gone into the mountains of Colorado for verification. And yet "Young Teddy" was not born in Missouri.

CITY NOTICES.

NOTICE TO IMPROVE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Common Council of the City of Astoria: That said Council hereby declared its determination and intention to repair the drain in McClure's Astoria known as McClure's Drain No. 1, from a point ten feet east of the west line of 9th street to a point 100 feet west of the west line of 9th street. Said repairs shall be made by taking up the old drain and placing in new tiling where the same are broken and replacing the rock and refilling the excavation after the drain is repaired.

In matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefor to be prepared by the City Surveyor and any matter of construction and drainage found necessary to make the improvement safe or substantial shall be done by the contractor whether specified or not, without extra charge.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefited by the same which said lots, lands and premises are included in the special assessment district including all lots, lands and premises so benefited, to-wit: All of blocks 72, 73, 88 and 89 in that part of the City of Astoria laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney.

OLOF ANDERSON,
Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.
8-28-10

NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the Common Council of the city of Astoria has declared its determination and intention to repair Commercial street from the East line of Ninth street to the West line of Fourteenth street. Said repairs shall consist of removing all the old street decking from curb to curb including the crossings and between Ninth and Tenth street straightening up the strangers so as to bring the street to the established grade and fillings in where necessary to do so, and by replanning the street on the existing stringers from the East line of Ninth street to the West line of Fourteenth street with good sound yellow fir lumber 4 inches in thickness by 12 inches in width.

All old material that is suitable for use in repairing streets shall be taken away and stored by the Superintendent of streets as the same is taken up by the contractor and that which is worthless shall be removed by the contractor at his own expense and not dumped under the roadway.

In matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefor to be prepared by the City Surveyor as hereinafter provided and general ordinance No. 1901 and any matter of construction and drainage found necessary to make the improvement safe or substantial shall be done by the contractor whether specified or not, without extra charge.

OLOF ANDERSON,
Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.
Dated Astoria, Oregon, August 29th, A. D. 1906
8-31-10

CITY NOTICES.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefited by the same which said lots, lands and premises are included in the special assessment district including all lots, lands and premises so benefited to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of lot 8 in block 25 in that part of the city of Astoria laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney, and running thence East through the middle of blocks 25, 59, 58 and 57 in McClure's Astoria and tract "A" of McClure's Astoria as laid out and recorded by the Astoria Real Estate & Exchange Company to the northeast corner of lot 5 in said tract "A" and running thence south along the East line of said tract "A" and also the East line of block 136 in that part of the City of Astoria laid out and recorded by John M. Shively to the southeast corner of said block 136 in said Shively's Astoria and thence running west along the south line of said block 136 to the southwest corner thereof and thence running north along the west line of said block 136 to a point where the west line of said block 136 would be intersected by the South line of lot 4 in block 62 in that part of the city of Astoria laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney if extended East on a straight line, and running thence west through the middle of blocks 62, 61, 60 and 26 in McClure's Astoria to the southwest corner of lot one (1) in block 26 and thence running north along the east line of Ninth street to the place of beginning and containing all lots, lands and premises within the said above described district which includes all lands, lots and premises benefited my said improvement or repairs.

OLOF ANDERSON,
Auditor and Police of the City of Astoria.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT special assessment roll number 126, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Irving Avenue, from the East line of 18th street the West line of Adair's Astoria has been filed with the auditor and police judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 126, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Saturday the 8th day of September, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. in the council chambers in the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

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